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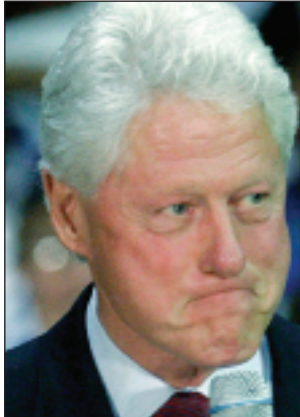
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LEGACY OF LEADERS

County has hosted its share of presidents, past and future



BILL CLINTON visiting today and campaigned in 1992.



JIMMY CARTER spoke at Elon in 1989.



GEORGE H.W. BUSH campaigned in 1992, spoke at Elon in 2001.

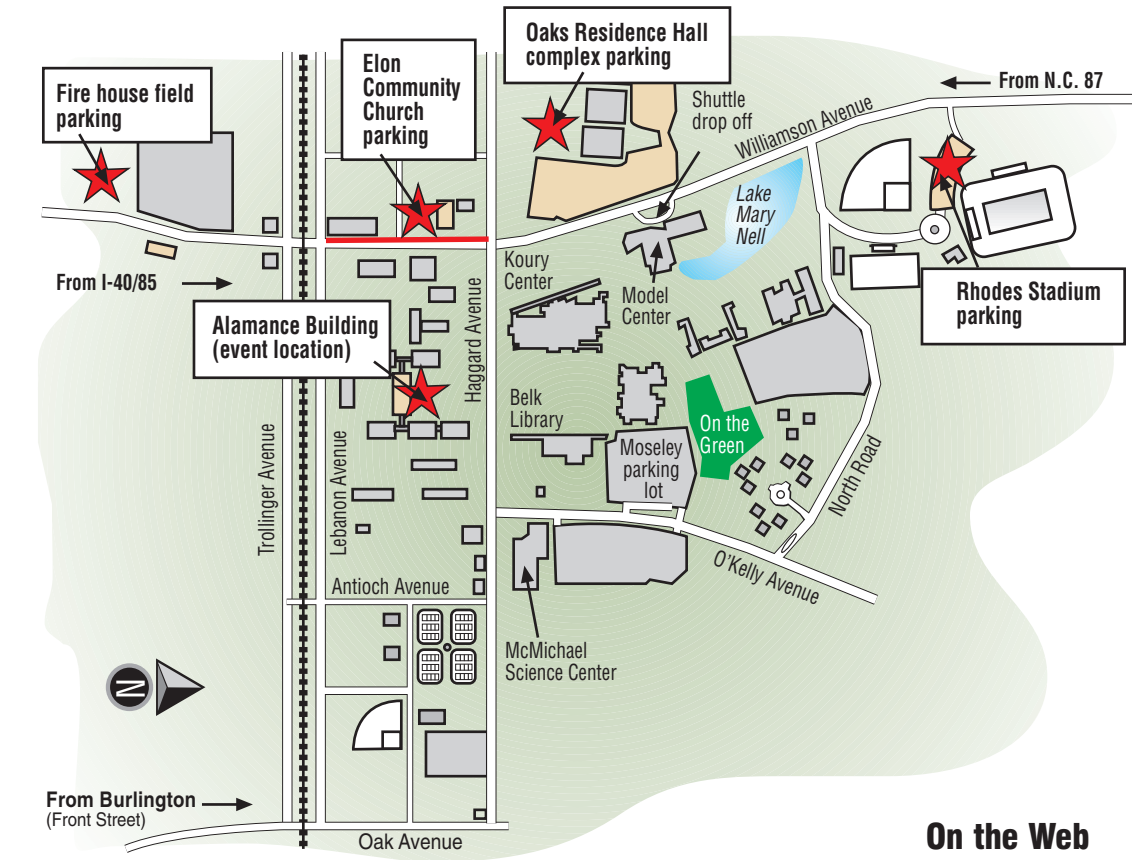


GERALD FORD spoke at Elon in 1986.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT visited area in 1904.

PLAN TO GO?



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Campus buzzes over presidential visit

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ELON — You don't have to be planning to vote for Hillary Clinton in North Carolina's May 6 primary to be excited by former President Bill Clinton's visit to Elon University.

In some cases, you don't even have to be a Democrat.

"It's the buzz all around campus," Elon freshman Nick Ochsner, the College Republicans' administrative vice chairman, said Tuesday. "People are much more excited than I really anticipated."

Ochsner said students are enthusiastic about seeing Elon in the spotlight, and also about seeing a presidential campaign up close.

He said some professors have canceled afternoon classes to encourage students to attend the event, and he plans to hear Clinton speak.

"It's a good opportunity to get people involved in politics," he said.

Though Clinton has been criticized by some fellow Democrats during an at-times bitter primary battle between his wife and Sen.

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Clinton to touch on economic themes at Elon speech

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Former President Bill Clinton will focus on economic issues important to North Carolinians when he speaks at Elon University on Wednesday.

Carly Lindauer, Sen. Hillary Clinton's North Carolina communications director, said this is Bill Clinton's fifth visit to the state on behalf of the former first lady, who is in a tight race for the Democratic presidential nomination with Sen. Barack Obama.

At 3:15 p.m., Clinton, who served from 1993-2001, is scheduled to speak at Elon's Fonville Fountain off Haggard Avenue.

The 42nd president's visit is part of what the campaign is calling the "Solutions for America" tour that will swing through Hillsborough, Asheboro, Thomasville and Statesville.

Clinton "will talk a lot about the economic issues we are facing," Sen. Clinton's "commitment to veterans" and her proposals to deal with rising gas prices and the loss of manufacturing jobs in the state, Lindauer said.

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Want to hear former President Bill Clinton speak at Elon University on Wednesday afternoon? Here are some basics you need to know:

■ Clinton will be speaking on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton on the lawn in front of the Alameda Building and Fonville Fountain. The event begins at 3:15 p.m. and Clinton is expected to speak for about 30 minutes, ending at 3:45 p.m.

■ No tickets are required to attend the free event, which is open to all mem-

bers of the Elon community and the public.

■ Public parking for the event will be at four locations along Williamson Avenue in Elon. Those are the Elon fire station fields, Elon Community Church, The Oaks Residence Hall complex across from the college's Fine Arts Center, and Rhodes Stadium.

■ As part of security measures, vehicle traffic on Haggard Avenue will be restricted during parts of Wednesday afternoon. Pedestrian traffic will be restricted on the main quad surrounding Fonville Fountain.

Smith: No tax hike in first-draft budget

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Projected revenues about \$127 million

On May 5, County Manager David Smith will present his recommendations for next year's budget to the Alamance County Board of Commissioners.

But this week he had some preliminary news. As written now, his proposed budget "does not include any tax increase," Smith said.

He told the board Monday night that projected revenues for the 2008-09 budget total about \$127 million. The budget begins July 1 and runs through June 30, 2009.

Smith also gave the board a packet of projected revenue and budget figures.

Funding requests for the upcoming budget total nearly \$127.48 million, or about \$2.2 million less than the county's current budget of \$129.68 million, packet figures show.

The latest funding requests for 2008-09 budget are down about \$8 million from initial requests that totaled \$135.57 million.

With about 10 weeks remaining in the current 2007-08 budget, Smith

projects sales tax revenues to total just over \$27.7 million. For the 2008-09 budget year, he estimates sales tax revenues of almost \$24.46 million.

Smith has said that the county's revenues for 2008-09 are projected to be \$5 million to \$9 million below the initial funding requests and earlier asked the commissioners to put up for referendum a 1/4-cent sales tax increase.

On Monday, Smith said he couldn't say that his initial draft will be the same budget he recommends to the commissioners. In 10 days or so,

Smith said he "will start cutting" the draft budget and "start crunching figures."

"Hopefully we can find some more revenue," Smith added.

At the recommendation of Commissioner Chairman Larry Sharpe, the board agreed to hold a public hearing on the 2008-09 budget at its May 19 meeting. If the commissioners don't approve the budget during the 7 p.m. meeting, Sharpe said the board could then take up the issue again during its June 2 meeting.

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